

processing at least one segment of the music to obtain a test digital signature;  
receiving an authorized digital signature associated with the music; and  
permitting compression and recording of the music only if at least the test digital signature matches the authorized digital signature.

22. The device of Claim 21, wherein the method acts further comprise:  
determining test digital signatures for respective plural segments of the music; and  
preventing at least one of: compression of the music, and recording of the music, unless a predetermined number or percentage of matches exist between test digital signatures and authorized digital signatures.

23. A method for facilitating the compression and storage, on a personal music player, of digitized music received on a disk in an authorized transaction, comprising the acts of:  
engaging the disk with a personal music player compression device;  
deriving at least one test digital signature from the music; and  
compressing the music and recording the music on the personal music player only if the at least one test digital signature matches at least one digital signature received on the disk.

24. The method of Claim 23, further comprising the acts of:  
deriving plural authorized test digital signatures from respective segments of the music; and  
comparing the test digital signatures with authorized digital signatures on the disk.